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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

JAMES J. BENEDICT ET AL.

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BYPASS

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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 15, 2005**

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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$1020.00 is enclosed, which is the fee for a three-month extension of time.

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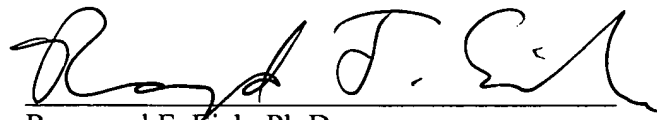
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Respectfully submitted,

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